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# TALES OF THE UNUSUAL

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EVOLVING REINCARNATION: PART 5



I DIDN'T MEAN TO  
KILL SO MANY...

I'M REALLY TURNING  
INTO A COCKROACH...!!

I MADE A MISTAKE.. BUT IT'S ALRIGHT..

I'M STILL IN THE EARLY STAGE SO I CAN ALWAYS  
CHANGE TO SOMETHING ELSE..





A grayscale illustration of a modern, multi-story building with large glass windows. A dark door is visible on the right side, featuring a red symbol that resembles a stylized cross or a four-pointed star. A car is partially visible in the foreground on the left. A speech bubble is positioned in the upper left corner.

HUH?

A grayscale illustration of five anthropomorphic animals sitting around a large, round table. From left to right: a black cat, a rabbit wearing a dark jacket, a white cockatiel, a bearded man with a long beard wearing a yellow shirt, and a grey dog. A speech bubble is above the rabbit, and another is below the bearded man.

SO YOU'VE DECIDED  
ON COCKROACHES.  
BYEONGSU?

AH. I JUST HAPPENED TO  
KEEP KILLING COCKROACHES

HAHAHA--

YOU SHOULD CLEAN UP  
YOUR HOUSE--

SO... I THOUGHT, MAYBE I'LL  
JUST BE A COCKROACH.



I CAN'T JUST LET ALL THOSE ROACHES KEEP RUNNING AROUND,  
BUT IT'D BE A PAIN TO SET THEM ALL FREE..

HMPH...

SO NORMAL BUG REPELLANT  
WON'T KILL THEM...

DAMNIT, THEN I'LL  
JUST HAVE TO KILL  
'EM MYSELF..!

SMACK  
!

BUT THERE'S A LIMIT,, I'VE BEEN KILLING THEM FOR  
MONTHS AND I'VE ONLY CHANGED DOWN TO MY SHOULDERS...

THESE DAMN  
COCKROACHES...



WHY WON'T THEY DIE?



Q: IS THERE A WAY TO **EXTERMINATE COCKROACHES?**

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THE COCKROACH REPELLANT THEY SELL IN MARKETS DOESN'T DO A THING. IT'S NOT BAD FOR A WHILE, BUT IT'LL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO ACTUALLY EXTERMINATE THEM WITH THAT.

THEY SAY THAT IN A NUCLEAR APOCALYPSE, COCKROACHES WOULD BE THE ONLY SURVIVORS.

EVEN CUTTING OFF THEIR HEAD DOESN'T KILL THEM...

MY FAMILY TRIED EVERYTHING TO TRY TO GET RID OF THE COCKROACHES IN OUR HOUSE, BUT NOTHING WORKED SO NOW WE JUST THINK OF THEM AS PETS.

ALL YOU CAN DO IS KILL SOME WHENEVER YOU SEE THEM...

SORRY I COULDN'T BE OF MORE HELP. I HOPE YOU'LL GIVE ME SOME POINTS FOR THIS SINCE I DID TRY MY BEST TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION.



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HAVING BUG PROBLEMS?

cescoco

YOUR TOP  
EXTERMINATION  
SOLUTION  
- NOW HIRING -

- NOW HIRING -

HELLO MR.

BYEONGSU BAE, THIS IS CESCOCO.  
UNFORTUNATELY, YOU FAILED TO PASS THE  
FINAL INTERVIEW. WE'RE SORRY THAT WE  
CANNOT HIRE EVERYONE WHO APPLIES.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN OUR  
FIRM AND FOR APPLYING.

OKAY

DAMNIT..

WAIT TILL I REINCARNATE..  
I'LL CRUSH ALL THESE LITTLE JERKS  
WHO LOOKED DOWN ON ME..



HEY,  
DONGCHEOL.

YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF  
COCKROACHES AT YOUR  
PLACE, RIGHT?

AH... MY MOM CALLED  
CESCOCO A WHILE BACK  
AND HAD THEM ALL  
EXTERMINATED.

WHAT? WHY'D YOU LET  
THOSE JERKS DO IT, HMPH..  
YOU SHOULD'VE CALLED ME.

HUH?  
BUT THERE'S NOT  
A SINGLE ONE  
LEFT. THEY DID  
A GREAT JOB...

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WHY ISN'T THERE  
A SINGLE ONE AROUND..?

DID I KILL TOO  
MANY OF THEM..?



HOW MANY MORE DO I HAVE TO KILL TO GET TO THAT STAGE..



THIS IS THEIR COMPLETION CEREMONY.  
IT'S A FINAL GOODBYE BEFORE THEY  
MOVE ON TO THE NEXT STAGE.



WE MAY NOT HAVE SPOKEN  
OFTEN, BUT I'M SAD TO LEAVE  
YOU ALL, SINCE WE'VE WORKED  
TOWARDS A COMMON GOAL.



I HOPE YOU'LL ALL KEEP  
GOING AND REACH  
YOUR GOALS LIKE US.

THEY'VE FILLED THEIR  
QUOTA AND REACHED  
THE "PREPARATION  
COMPLETE" STAGE.




I THINK IT TOOK  
THEM THREE TO  
FOUR YEARS.









I MEAN... I WANNA CHANGE  
MY LIFE BECAUSE I'VE NEVER  
REALLY TURNED OUT TO BE MUCH...

I'M SURE EVERYONE'S  
GOT THEIR REASONS...

BUT NONE OF YOU SEEM TO  
HAVE ANYTHING WRONG  
WITH YOUR LIVES, AND YOU  
SEEM PRETTY SUCCESSFUL...

BUT I THOUGHT THAT PEOPLE  
WOULD WANNA BE REBORN  
IF THEY WERE UNHAPPY WITH  
THEIR CURRENT LIFE...

ANYWAY, THAT WAS MY  
MOTIVATION FOR DOING THIS...  
BUT YOU ALL...



HM..



I CAN'T TELL WHAT  
THEY'RE THINKING..

DID I SAY SOMETHING  
WRONG..?



THAT'S NOT TRUE,  
BYEONGSU.

WE'RE THE REAL  
FAILURES.

WHAT...!?

I PRETENDED TO BE A SUCCESSFUL  
CAREER WOMAN... BUT I AM JUST  
WORKING PART-TIME AT SOME  
TWO-BIT LITTLE COMPANY,

I'VE HAD THREE MISCARRIAGES AND  
GOT DIVORCED TWO YEARS AGO  
AND I'VE GOT AN INCURABLE DISEASE..



I TELL PEOPLE  
I GRADUATED FROM  
A PRESTIGIOUS LAW  
SCHOOL...

BUT I STOPPED STUDYING  
FOR THE BAR EXAM AND  
NOW AM DOING NOTHING  
FOR SIX YEARS.

I WAS EVEN  
A HIKKOMORI BEFORE...



I DON'T EVEN HAVE  
A DECENT JOB, AND  
I DON'T MAKE MUCH  
MONEY...

I'M MILLIONS OF WON IN  
DEBT NOW BECAUSE I STOOD  
SURETY FOR A FRIEND OF MINE.  
AND IT SEEMS MY HOUSE AND  
SLAUGHTERHOUSE WILL SOON  
FALL INTO SOMEONE ELSE'S  
HANDS.

THEN I'M THE BEST ONE OUT OF EVERYONE HERE...!



SORRY, WE DIDN'T  
MEAN TO LIE TO YOU...

WE JUST FELT INFERIOR,  
SO WE LIED. PLEASE  
UNDERSTAND...

AHH SURE... I MEAN,  
IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T  
UNDERSTAND...

WE WERE GONNA  
TELL YOU SOON.



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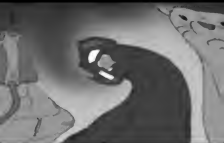
I FEEL EVEN BETTER  
THAN BEFORE.

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE  
I'M GARBAGE.

IT MAKES ME FEEL  
GOOD BEING SURROUNDED  
BY GARBAGE..



HUH..?



W-WHAT THE..?

SLAM





To be continued..



I LIED ABOUT BEING  
A LAWYER TOO..

I LOST ALL MY MONEY  
GAMBLING AND NOW  
ALL I'VE GOT IS MAXED-OUT  
CREDIT CARDS.. I'VE USED UP  
ALMOST ALL OF THE INHERITANCE  
I GOT FROM MY DAD TOO..

ARE THEY  
SERIOUS..?

SO THEY'VE ALL  
BEEN LYING..?